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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1871 AND 1872.

Town of Bedford in account with Daniel Barnard, Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1st, 1872:

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Paid old orders of 1870,	\$ 191 21
“ “ drawn to March 1st, 1872,	6,619 12
State tax,	2,466 00
County tax,	777 79
Balance of school money of 1870,	159 61
School money in full, 1871,	1,511 76
Cash on hand,	1,072 80
Due from collector for 1871,	3,537 47
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	\$16,335 76

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Assets from Treasurer of 1870,	\$5,332, 02
Amount of tax assessed for 1871,	9,354 85
Schoolhouse tax in District No. 9,	31 29
Literary fund,	88 20
Railroad tax,	172 17
Savings Bank tax,	1,162 67
Insurance tax,	7 50
Received of John Hodgman, interest for 1869,	179 56
“ the County of Hillsborough,	7 50
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	\$16,335 76

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL BARNARD, Treasurer.

Bedford, March 1, 1872.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Charles H. Moor, services as selectman, 1870,	\$ 67 00
Horace Holbrook, " " "	61 00
William P. Worthley, " " "	59 00
John Hodgman, services as collector of taxes,	100 00
John Hodgman, collecting school house tax,	20 00
Ira C. Tyson, services as school committee, and other services in assisting school districts,	53 00
John Hodgman, services as town clerk, record- ing births and deaths and marriages, noti- fying jurors, stationary, and stamps,	47 75
William Moor, error in taxes, 1870,	4 37
Daniel Barnard, services as treasurer,	40 00
Quincy Barnard, services as constable,	5 00
Daniel Barnard, paid C. H. Moor on two notes,	1,201 20
Daniel Barnard, repairing school house, in District No. 1,	121 80
W. W. Wilkins, returning births and deaths,	10 00
Edward Schneider, abatement of school house tax,	17 51
Horace Holbrook, money paid for hearse and harness,	500 00
John H. McAfee, insurance on school house,	15 00
Willard C. Parker, repairs on school house, District No. 2,	50 00
Daniel Barnard, for grave yard land,	487 00
Solomon Manning, school house tax, District No. 9,	30 00
Wingate M. Darrah, school house tax, Dis- trict No. 3,	100 00
McAllister & Rollins, labor on graveyard,	300 00
Joseph H. Stevens, school house tax, District No. 1,	262 16
Wm. H. Fisk, printing reports and stationery,	42 56
Horace Holbrook, paints and oil for town house,	49 77
E. G. Gilmore, painting town house,	47 79
Horace Holbrook, insurance on town house,	31 50
Horace Holbrook, interest paid on Mrs. Car- ley's note,	36 12
David R. Barnard, labor on hearse house,	24 92
George Foster, use of watering trough,	3 00
Haines & Wallace, lumber for hearse house,	78 71
William H. Fisk, record book,	6 00
Blanchard Nichols, interest on note,	22 69
Gardner Nevins, interest on two notes,	280 00

Willard C. Parker, lamp fixtures for town house,	3 50
William Walker, for use of watering trough,	4 50
Mrs. M. J. Lee, interest on Sam'l Chandler's note,	180 00
John Hodgman, discount on taxes,	111 31
John Hodgman, abatement of taxes for 1869 and 1870,	45 02
John Hodgman, abatement of taxes for 1871,	26 10
John Hodgman, error in Nathan Parker's tax, 1871,	34 47
Albert B. Corliss, damage to horse by defect in highway,	50 00
Daniel Barnard, labor on hearse house and for window,	24 05
Kendall & Goffe, nails for hearse house,	7 56
Jos. H. Stevens, for keeping transient persons,	6 00
Gatolob Hoffman, error in taxes for 1871,	2 50
Solon C. Gilmore, painting hearse house,	20 00
Charles H. Kendall, one heifer killed by dogs,	15 00
Quincy Barnard, labor on hearse house,	4 00
Horace Holbrook, coffin straps, stationery, and other articles as per bill,	9 97
Henry T. Barnard, lumber for hearse house,	20 30
Joseph H. Stevens, labor and lumber for hearse house,	23 45
Horace Holbrook, labor and lumber for hearse house,	48 00
Samuel H. Patten, damage to wagon in con- sequence of a defect in the highway,	3 00
	<hr/> \$4,814 58

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Henry S. Barnard, for labor on sandhill,	\$ 60 50
Stephen Goffe, labor on road,	10 50
Patrick Cochran, do	4 50
Adam Campbell, do	6 00
Jane Gordin, do	15 00
Jesse Witherspoon, do	12 00
Quincy Barnard, do	24 50
Justin E. Vose, do	80 00
John G. Vose, do	35 00
William A. Flint, do	18 60
E. W. Butterfield, do	44 88
Peter Kean, do	64 00
Isaac P. Hodgman, do	11 00
William McAllister, do	15 00
Milton W. Spencer, do	27 95
E. G. Newton, do	6 05
David R. Barnard, do	50 50
John Hodgman, non resident highway taxes worked out,	7 04
J. G. & G. G. McLaughlin, for labor on road,	12 25
Clinton French, for labor on road,	28 34
William P. Worthley, labor on highway in 1870,	7 00
William R. French, breaking roads in 1870,	7 00
Horace Holbrook, labor on roads in 1870,	24 00
J. E. Vose, labor on roads,	22 20
E. J. Campbell, do	9 92
R. B. McPherson, labor on roads in 1870,	9 00
W. S. Gage, do do	4 00
Joseph H. Stevens, labor on Butterfield hill,	9 00
Joseph H. Tinker, labor on highway,	30 00
Walter I. Batchelder, do	41 21
W. S. Gage, do	35 50
Horace Holbrook, labor on highway and for cash paid for labor on highway,	208 00
Samuel Gardner, labor on highway,	12 00
Samuel Gardner, do	1 50
E. P. Parkhurst, do	5 00
G. W. Goffe, do	12 00
David H. Barr, do	61 24
Nathaniel Flint, do	6 93
Silas A. Riddle, do	5 50
C. F. Shepard, do	12 17
Stillman A. Shepard, do	13 50
Charles S. Campbell, do	2 00
Daniel G. Atwood, do	47 60
Freeman R. French, do	39 00
John L. Kittredge, do	14 85
G. W. Webber, do	23 00
William McAfee, breaking roads, 1870,	2 60

John Hodgman, non-resident highway tax worked out,	5 05	
Daniel Barnard, labor on highway,	61 91	
William M. Patten, do	10 35	
Joseph H. Stevens, do	4 35	
S. C. Damon, lumber for bridge on the old county road, near E. G. Gilmore's,	4 47	
Joseph G. Holbrook, labor on highway,	2 00	
Gardner Nevins, do	15 75	
T. E. Scheer, do	27 62	
Samuel Patten, do	48 40	
E. J. Campbell, do	52 83	
Jacob N. Rundlett, do	6 50	
Solomon Manning, do	24 00	
A. Q. Gage, breaking and repairing highway,	21 75	
		<hr/> \$1,481 31

EXPENSES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

W. W. Wilkins, medical attendance on Daniel Page,	3 75	
Horace Holbrook, care and funeral expenses of G. C. Campbell,	30 00	
Samuel Gardner, medicine for David Cheeney and digging grave for Geo. C. Campbell,	3 11	
W. W. Wilkins, medical attendance on the poor,	25 00	
Joseph H. Stevens, clothing for David Page,	21 32	
Seth P. Campbell, board and care of David Page,	65 00	
Daniel Barnard, support of David Page,	60 00	
Joseph H. Stevens, coffin and robe for David Page,	9 50	
Seth P. Campbell, taking care of David Page, in full,	30 00	
W. W. Wilkins, medical attendance on town paupers,	6 75	
W. W. Wilkins, medical attendance on Maria Wilkinson,	2 00	
Silas A. Riddle, digging grave and attendance on burying David Page,	4 00	
Daniel Barnard, for support of David Cheeney,	149 00	
Samuel Gardner, extra nursing of David Cheeney,	41 50	
David Sprague, moving G. C. Campbell,	2 00	
		<hr/> \$452 93

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford, for the year 1871:

State tax,		\$2,466 00
County tax,		777 79
Town tax,		4,000 00
School tax,		1,438 50
Dog tax,		100 00
School house tax in District No. 2,		68 83
do do 3,		103 89
do do 9,		31 39
Percentage,		347 29
Non-resident highway tax,		73 82
		<hr/> \$9,407 49

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	\$251 35	District No. 7,	\$134 96
District No. 2,	186 30	District No. 8,	136 55
District No. 3,	112 88	District No. 9,	109 92
District No. 4,	210 22	District No. 11,	47 11
District No. 5,	109 25	District No. 12,	80 02
District No. 6,	133 30		<hr/> \$1,511 76

The School money of 1871 was raised as follows:

School tax,	\$1,438 50
Literary fund,	73 26
	<hr/> \$1,511 76

Total amount of orders drawn since March 18th, 1871:

Incidental expenses,	\$4,814 58	
Highways and bridges,	1,481 31	
Support of the poor,	452 93	
	<hr/>	\$6,748 82
Amount of orders drawn but not paid,		119 70
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		6,629 12

Money paid without orders being drawn:

State tax,	2,466 00	
County tax,	777 79	
School money of 1871,	1,511 76	
Balance of school money of 1870,	159 61	
Money paid on old orders of 1869 and 1870,	191 21	
	<hr/>	\$5,106 37
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		11,735 49

The whole amount of assets from the Treasurer's report,	\$16,335 76	
Deduct money paid out up to March 1, 1872,	11,735 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,600 27
Deduct estimated amount due on town officers,		600 00
Net assets of town for 1871,		4,000 27
Amount of notes March 1st, 1872,	9,390 67	
Deduct net assets,	4,000 27	
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Leaving a balance against the town of		\$5,390 40 ⁺

There is a Bond due from the State, on the re-imbursement of the war expenses, amounting to **\$8,484 33.**

TOWN NOTES.

To whom due.	Date of Note.	Principal.	Int. due.	Amount.
Eugene Gage,	March 1, 1870	\$ 298 30	\$36 86	\$ 335 16
Edward Gage,	March 1, 1870	298 30	36 86	335 16
Blanch'd Nichols,	Feb. 12, 1870	283 70	23 92	307 62
Nathaniel Flint,	March 22, 1866	1,000 00	60 00	1,000 60
Mrs. Carley,	Nov. 12, 1866	602 12	10 83	612 95
P. T. Campbell,	Nov. 5, 1866	100 00	36 34	136 34
Gardner Nevins,	Nov. 22, 1867	2,500 00	54 44	2,554 44
Heirs of				
Samuel Chandler,	Feb'y 13, 1870	3,000 00	9 00	3,009 00
Gardner Nevins,	Sept. 1, 1868	1,000 00	40 00	1,040 00
				<hr/> \$9,390 67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HORACE HOLBROOK,
WILLIAM P. WORTHLEY,
JOSEPH H. STEVENS,

Selectmen of Bedford.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the laws of the State, it is the duty of the Superintending School Committee to make an annual report of the condition of the schools under their care. I will present the statements of the schools in the town of Bedford. I take much pleasure in stating that the teachers employed in the town of Bedford this year are experienced and superior teachers. Many of them have a record in the past that they were well qualified for the trust they held. The Superintendent has been pleased in his visits among the schools, to find so much interest in teachers and scholars. There seemed to be a union of interest in most of the scholars and teachers. In a few instances where the scholars failed to obey the rules of the teacher, I found that it resulted not from the teacher, but from the scholar; there was no want of firmness on the part of the teacher.

After teachers have established rules necessary for their existence, and discipline of their schools, they should see that their rules are applied with reason and respect on their part, and if they find themselves incapable of enforcing them, they should adopt the course provided by the laws of the State. The Prudential Committee were fortunate in their selection of teachers. I like the plan adopted by some Prudential Committees; that is, employ the same teacher during the year. I think after a teacher has become acquainted with scholars, they will do better than strangers whose merits we do not know.

There was a deficiency in globes and maps in most of the schools. I think it is difficult for the young to get a correct idea of the shape of the earth's surface without them. I think there would be great improvement made in some of our schools by the support of subscription schools. It is economy to support schools in our own district. The same instruction is received as when sent to distant schools. Let parents properly discharge their duties to the teacher and scholars, and prosperity will await our efforts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer, autumn, and winter terms, teacher, Mrs. E. A. Stevens.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	10	16	8
“ Scholars,	23	29	
“ “ Reading,	23	29	
“ “ Spelling,	23	29	
“ “ Penmanship,	17	20	
“ “ Arithmetic,	19	23	
“ “ Grammar,	12	16	
“ “ Geography,	14	16	
“ “ Composition,	8	12	
“ “ History,	4	4	
“ “ Philosophy,	1	1	
“ “ Algebra,	3	2	

I received no register of winter term, and can make no return for that session.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer and winter terms, teacher, Miss A. E. Shedd.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	10	14
“ Scholars,	22	23
“ “ Reading,	22	23
“ “ Spelling,	22	23
“ “ Penmanship,	24	20
“ “ Arithmetic,	20	23
“ “ Grammar,	7	9
“ “ Geography,	11	9
“ “ History,	1	1
“ “ Algebra,	2	1
“ “ Bookkeeping,		1

This school is now keeping. It has about two weeks more to keep.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term, teacher, Miss L. E. Converse.

Winter term, teacher, Miss Mary M. Carpenter.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	12	12
“ Scholars,	12	18
“ “ Reading,	12	18

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number in Spelling,	10	18
“ Penmanship,	6	12
“ Arithmetic,	8	15
“ Grammar,	2	9
“ Geography,	6	8
“ History,	2	1
“ Physiology,		2
“ Algebra,		3

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer, autumn, and winter terms, teacher, Miss Sarah M. Foster.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	5 2-5	14	10
“ Scholars,	24	30	27
“ “ Reading,	24	30	27
“ “ Spelling,	24	30	27
“ “ Penmanship,	15	18	22
“ “ Arithmetic,	18	19	21
“ “ Grammar,	9	10	13
“ “ Geography,	10	14	10
“ “ Composition,	5	10	8
“ “ Physiology,	1		6
“ “ Philosophy,	6		5
“ “ Geometry,	1		1
“ “ Algebra,	2	2	2
“ “ History,			1

The summer term was shortened on account of sickness. The school was taught by the same teacher for the year. Miss Foster is a teacher of superior qualities.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term, teacher, Miss E. M. Colburn. Winter term, teacher, Miss A. A. Patten.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	10	10
“ Scholars,	12	18
“ “ Reading,	12	15
“ “ Spelling,	12	14
“ “ Penmanship,	9	11
“ “ Arithmetic,	18	12
“ “ Grammar,	5	8
“ “ Geography,	5	9
“ “ Composition,	3	4
“ “ History,		1
“ “ Physiology,		1
“ “ Bookkeeping,		2

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Ella F. Salisbury. Winter term, teacher, Miss Abbie M. Lane.

		Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,		8	20
"	Scholars,	14	29
"	" Reading,	14	29
"	" Spelling,	14	29
"	" Penmanship,	3	17
"	" Arithmetic,	10	29
"	" Grammar,	1	3
"	" Geography,	7	13
"	" History,		2

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Emma J. Witherspoon. Winter term, teacher, Miss Josie Pattee.

		Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,		10	12
"	Scholars,	23	25
"	" Reading,	23	25
"	" Spelling,	23	25
"	" Penmanship,	13	14
"	" Arithmetic,	16	21
"	" Grammar,	3	7
"	" Geography,	10	8
"	" Philosophy,		2
"	" Algebra,		2

DISTRICT NO. 8

Summer term, teacher, Miss Martha Butterfield. Winter term, teacher, Miss Martha A. Mussey.

		Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,		10	12
"	Scholars,	33	37
"	" Reading,	33	37
"	" Spelling,	27	36
"	" Penmanship,	18	20
"	" Arithmetic,	18	32
"	" Geography,	20	16
"	" Composition,	6	10
"	" Algebra,		1
"	" Grammar,	7	6

There was some disturbance in the winter term of this school. I found that it resulted not from inability to instruct, or want of firmness and decision in government on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Catherine A. Tuttle. Autumn term, teacher, Miss Mary H. Jewett.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.
Number of weeks,	8	8
“ Scholars,	21	25
“ “ Reading,	21	25
“ “ Spelling,	21	25
“ “ Penmanship,	8	17
“ “ Arithmetic,	12	18
“ “ Composition,	9	9
“ “ Grammar,	9	8
“ “ Geography,	12	
“ “ Philosophy,	1	

There was a winter term of which I have no record, taught by Miss Marion Gilmore.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term, teacher, Mrs. L. M. Dudley. Winter term, teacher, Miss Mary L. Sawyer.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Number of weeks,	7	8
“ Scholars,	12	13
“ “ Reading,	12	13
“ “ Spelling,	12	13
“ “ Penmanship,	4	9
“ “ Arithmetic,	10	13
“ “ Grammar,	3	6
“ “ Composition,	5	6
“ “ Geography,	3	2

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Emma J. Witherspoon.

	Summer Term.
Number of weeks,	10
“ Scholars,	8
“ “ Reading,	8
“ “ Spelling,	8
“ “ Penmanship,	4
“ “ Arithmetic,	4
“ “ Grammar,	2

W. U. GAY, Supt. School Committee.

Bedford, N. H., March 2, 1872.

